



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

the application of

Darcy W. Greep et al.

Serial No.: 10/021,607

Filed: December 12, 2001

For: UTILIZATION OF A MULTI-CHARACTER MATERIAL IN A SURFACE COATING OF AN ELECTROSURGICAL INSTRUMENT

Confirmation No.: 7181

Examiner: Aaron F. Roane

## PETITION FOR TWO-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that the shortened statutory period that was set for responding to the Office Action dated September 8, 2004 be extended for two months until February 8, 2005.

Form PTO-2038 in the amount of \$450.00 is enclosed herewith for payment of the fee associated with this Petition, as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee or to credit any overpayment in connection with this Petition to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefore and charge any additional fees that may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-3178.

Dated this 4th day of February 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

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